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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SAG FUNDING OF CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

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1. I BROUGHT WITH ME NO RPT NO MEMCONS FROM MY YEAR AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY. (SOME OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE BETTER FORGOTTEN ANYWAY.)

2. I RECALL NO RPT NO MEETING WITH BOTHA AND DOLS OR ANONE ELSE ON THIS QUESTION. I HAVE REASONABLY SOLID RECOLLECTION, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISSUE OF CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL FINANCED BY SOUTH AFRICANS WAS BEING QUESTIONED IN SOME CIRCLES DURING 1975. I SEEM TO RECALL THAT TRIPS WERE ARRANGED AND PAID FOR BY SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS OR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AND THE CRITICS ALLEGED THAT THE SAG WAS BEHIND IT.

3. BY JANUARY OF 1975 I HAD PRETTY MUCH WITHDRAWN FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DAY-TO-DAY BUREAU ACTIVITIES. YOUR FILES MAY CONTAIN A MEMO I SENT TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR PUTTING ED MULCAHY IN CHARGE OF MOST BUREAU'S RESPONSIBILITIES. I DOUBT

THAT I WOULD HAVE MET IN EARLY 1975 WITH BOTHA ON SUCH A

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MATTER AS THIS AS I WAS ALREADY WELL INTO MY BRIEFINGS ON NIGERIA. IN FACT, I HAVE A VAGUE RECOLLECTION THAT BOTHA HAD ALREADY LEFT WASHINGTON ON REASSIGNMENT TO PRETORIA, BUT YOUR RECORDS MAY WELL PROVE OTHERWISE.

4. I SHOULD OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO PROBE MY

MEMORY FURTHER IF YOU CAN GIVE ME ANY MORE GUIDE-
POSTS. PAUL O'NEILL, JACK FOLEY, JIM POPE OR ED MULCAHY MIGHT
REMEMBER SOMETHING.
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